

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 31, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God Our Creator, the Ultimate Sources of Forgiveness and Truth, we take this moment to reflect on our personal agenda for today, to set our goals for today and thank You for Your daily blessings. Your guidance enables us to organize more clearly our political, philosophical and ethical priorities as we struggle to make our communities safe, prosperous and responsive to the needs of people. In evaluating proposed legislation and programs, inspire us to have open but critical minds in our hearings and discussions. Teach us to develop and utilize right reason and a right conscience in resolving the cultural and political issues of the day. May Your presence in our world be a reality for each of us.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Tax provisions, update.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to updating and improving certain tax provisions of the Commonwealth (House, No. 21) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 26.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were considered, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Pedone of Worcester; and they were adopted as follows:

Joan and John Misener.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough) on the occasion of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Joan and John Misener; and

Lilith Pearl Colbourne.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Speliotis of Danvers) congratulating Lilith Pearl Colbourne on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

Petition.

Mr. Kennedy of Brockton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2007) of Thomas P. Kennedy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the installation, financing and operation of solar energy facilities in the city of Brockton; and the same was referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Brockton, solar energy facilities.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 22) of Richard T. Moore and Paul Kujawski (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the emergency acquisition of property in the town of Uxbridge for school and general municipal purposes, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Uxbridge, property acquisition.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

Adjournment in Memory of Patrick C. Forde.

Mrs. Harkins of Needham then moved that when the House adjourns, it do so in respect to the memory of Patrick C. Forde, a valued employee of the House of Representatives.

Accordingly, at five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Kaufman of Lexington (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.